

*ENGLISH FELICITATIONS.*

After reading the leading editorial of the August (London) Homeopathic Review we very much fear that our former peaceful Transatlantic homeopathic brethren are really becoming awake to the needs of the hour and will ere long refuse to be coddled any longer by the allopathic school. If this same striking from the shoulder should continue it will ultimately bring homeopathy out of the background and make it a prime and prominent English issue. Heaven speed that day! There is much spirit in the article referred to. It is almost American in its use of the impersonal personality. It is all about Dr. John H. Clarke's paper on the "Doctrine of Signatures," which he read before the annual Homeopathic Congress, and which at that time caused so many, nay, the majority, of the congress assembled to forget itself and seek to heap ridicule not only on the paper, but also on its author. But this is the way the "brutal majority" has of doing whether in England or America. This editorial makes a direct personal onslaught on Dr. Clarke and charges him with all manner of unpleasant and unhomeopathic things. The animus of the thing probably lies in the fact that Dr. Clarke is editor of the (London) Homeopathic World, which is the only hated rival of the Review. It is possibly also based on the fact that Dr. Clarke is distinctly the leader of a very large and influential branch of the English school, and one which is not wrapped up in over-contemplation of its own omphales all the day long and half the night. The statistical editor is turned loose on Dr. Clarke's article; and as statistics are never doctored, and, therefore, cannot lie, we must assume that there is nothing in the "Doctrine of Signatures." Still what a mountain to have made of a mole hill! Dr. Clarke did not say that the "Doctrine of Signatures" was Homeopathy; he was careful to lay his foundation and then proceed with his argument, of the possible use of the "Doctrine of Signatures" in the selection of the homeopathic remedy. And any man who can give any extra aid to the honest homeopathic workman so as to help him select his remedy, the more easily is entitled to thanks and much honor. We read the paper on its first publication and were so taken back with its clearness and value that we had it reprinted in these pages from which our readers have seen the causelessness of the charge of unhomeopathic measures charged against editor and Brer.

Clarke. We have been commissioned to defend Dr. Clarke and shall not attempt it ; for we feel perfectly confident that he will be able to take care of himself in good order. He will probably now feel empowered to criticize something more than the presence of ladies, and the cut-and-dried speeches at the Congress banquet. But he will drink fair, Betsy, he'll drink fair! Here's luck to you, Brother!

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